

## **FIGHTING TEMPTATION LIKE JESUS**

**Matt. 4.1-11**

**1 JOHN 2.15-17**

**Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil.:2 For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.:3 During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" :5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, 6 and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" 7 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the lord your God'" 8 Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory". 9 "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."10 "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the lord your God and serve only him.'" :11 Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.**

**1 John 2:15 Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. 16 For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.:17 And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.**

## **INTRODUCTION**

**“REPENTANCE IS NOT A SANCTION ITS AN INVITATION!” DEO**

**WHEN WE ARE WILLING TO REPENT IT POSTURES US TO SEE GOD AND HIS PRESENCE AND PURPOSE IN A NEW AND LIVING WAY.**

**IN THE SAME WAY WE RESPOND TO REPENTANCE AND DOORS OPEN, WHEN WE RESPOND PROPERLY TO TEMPTATION THE SAME THING HAPPENS ...**

**..WE POSITION OURSELVES FOR POWER!**

**BAPTISM (OBEDIENCE) ..... TEMPTATION (RESISTANCE)  
>>>>>>MINISTRY (MANIFESTATION)**

## **THREE FUNDAMENTAL TEMPTATIONS**

**1. TURN STONES TO BREAD - CRAVINGS OF THE FLESH (DESIRES)**

**2. PROVE WHO YOU ARE! - CRAVING WHAT YOU SEE (IDENTITY)**

**3. BOW DOWN AND WORSHIP - PRIDE AND POWER ( POWER)**

**EVERY TEMPTATION FALLS INTO TE CATEGORIES OF THE ORIGINAL SIN....**

**FRUIT WAS PLEASANT TO TASTE**

**FRUIT WAS PLEASANT TO THE EYES**

**FRUIT GAVE YOU POWER**

## **1. TURN THE STONES INTO BREAD**

**“This is a temptation to make fleshly needs and desires a higher priority than obedience to the truth.**

**SATAN’S GOAL IS TO ENSLAVE YOU TO HUMAN DESIRES SO YOU FORFEIT YOUR HUMANITY.**

**REFUSE TO SATISFY HUNGER THE ENEMY’S WAY**

**DECLARE WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR LIFE**

*4 But Jesus told him, ‘No! The Scriptures say,  
People do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”*

**INCREASE YOUR DEPENDENCE ON TRUTH**

## **2. JUMP OFF THE BUILDING AND PROVE YOUR IDENTITY**

**“THIS IS A TEMPTATION TO DO SOMETHING AGAINST GODS WORD TO AFFIRM YOUR IDENTITY OR TO TAKE A SHORTCUT”**

**Example: ME YELLING AT SOMEONE TO PROVE I AM THE BOSS**

**§ CORRECT THE MISUSE OF SCRIPTURE**

**7 Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the lord your God“.**

**§ DO NOT TEST GOD BY WRONG DOING**

**§ TAKE THE SLOWER ROUTE TO GREATNESS**

### **3. BOW DOWN AND WORSHIP ME**

**THIS TEMPTATION IS AN APPEAL TO GET POWER AND WEALTH BY BOWING TO FALSE AUTHORITY**

**§ HE CANT GIVE YOU WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE!**

*2 Peter 1:3 By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.*

**§. SPEED IS AN INTOXICANT**

**“SATAN HOPED THAT THE RUSH OF “RIGHT NOW” WOULD ALTER JESUS’ DECISION MAKING ABILITY”**

**§. TEMPTATION LOSES ITS POWER WHEN OUR FAITH IN HIS PLAN INCREASES**

#### **Homework Questions:**

- 1. Which category of temptation seems to be your greatest nemesis? Why?**
- 2. What weapons do you use when temptation comes your way?**
- 3. What new opportunities do you see beyond the temptation battles?**